

52.2(2) Returns of cooperatives. A return of income for cooperatives, defined in Section 6072(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, must be filed on or before the fifteenth day of the ninth month following the close of the taxpayer's taxable year.

52.2(3) Short period returns. Where under a provision of the Internal Revenue Code, a corporation is required to file a tax return for a period of less than 12 months, a short period Iowa return must be filed for the same period. The short period Iowa return is due 45 days after the federal due date, not considering any federal extension of time to file.

52.2(4) Extension of time for filing returns for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991. See 701—subrule 39.2(4).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.21 and 422.24.

701—52.3(422) Form for filing.

52.3(1) Use and completeness of prescribed forms. Returns shall be made by corporations on forms supplied by the department. Taxpayers not supplied with the proper forms shall make application for same to the department in ample time to have their returns made, verified and filed on or before the due date. Each taxpayer shall carefully prepare the taxpayer's return so as to fully and clearly set forth the data required. For lack of a prescribed form, a statement made by a taxpayer disclosing the taxpayer's gross income and the deductions therefrom may be accepted as a tentative return, and if verified and filed within the prescribed time, will relieve the taxpayer from liability to penalties, provided that without unnecessary delay such a tentative return is replaced by a return made on the proper form. Each question shall be answered and each direction complied with in the same manner as if the forms and instructions were embodied in these rules.

Failure to receive the proper forms does not relieve the taxpayer from the obligation of making any return required by the statute.

Returns received which are not completed, but merely state "see schedule attached" are not considered to be a properly filed return and may be returned to the taxpayer for proper completion. This may result in the imposition of penalties and interest due to the return being filed after the due date.

52.3(2) Form for filing—domestic corporations. A domestic corporation, as defined by Iowa Code subsection 422.32(2), is required to file a complete Iowa return for each year of its existence regardless of whether the corporation has income, loss, or inactivity. However, the corporation may substitute a copy of the true and accurate federal income tax return as filed with the Internal Revenue Service in lieu of certain Iowa return schedules. This substitution is optional, but in all instances a detailed computation of the federal tax liability actually due the federal government shall be required as a part of the Iowa return. The Iowa schedules subject to the substitution provision are: income statement, balance sheet, reconciliation of income per books with income per return and analysis of unappropriated retained earnings per books.

When a domestic corporation is included in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return, the Iowa corporation income tax return shall include a schedule of the consolidating income statements as properly computed for federal income tax purposes showing the income and expenses of each member of the consolidated group, and a schedule of capital gains on a separate basis.

If a domestic corporation claims a foreign tax credit, investment credit, or work incentive credit on its federal income tax return, a detailed computation of the credits claimed shall be included with the Iowa return upon filing. In those instances where the domestic corporation is involved in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return, the credit computations shall be reported on a separate entity basis.

Similarly, where a domestic corporation is charged with a holding company tax, minimum tax, or tax from recomputing a prior year's investment credit, the details of the taxes levied shall be put forth in a schedule to be included with the Iowa return. Furthermore, these taxes shall be identified on a separate company basis where the domestic corporation files as a member of a consolidated group for federal purposes.

52.3(3) *Form for filing—foreign corporations.* Foreign corporations, as defined by Iowa Code subsection 422.32(3), must include a true and accurate copy of their federal corporation income tax return as filed with the Internal Revenue Service with the filing of their Iowa return. At a minimum this includes the following federal schedules: income statement, balance sheet, reconciliation of income per books with income per return, analysis of unappropriated retained earnings per books, dividend income and special deductions, cost of goods sold, capital gains, tax computation and tax deposits, investment credit computation and recapture, work incentive credit computation, foreign tax credit computation, minimum tax computation, and statements detailing other income and other deductions.

When a foreign corporation whose income is included in a consolidated federal income tax return files an Iowa return, federal consolidating income statements as properly computed for federal income tax purposes showing the income and expenses of each member of the consolidated group shall be required together with the following additional schedules on a separate basis:

- a. Capital gains.
- b. Investment credit computation.
- c. Investment credit recapture.
- d. Work incentive credit computation.
- e. Foreign tax credit computation.
- f. Holding company tax computation.
- g. Minimum tax computation.
- h. Schedules detailing other income and other deductions.

52.3(4) *Amended returns.* If it becomes known to the taxpayer that the amount of income reported to be federal net income or Iowa taxable income was erroneously stated on the Iowa return, or changed by Internal Revenue Service audit, or otherwise, the taxpayer shall file an amended Iowa return along with supporting schedules, to include the amended federal return and a copy of the federal revenue agent's report if applicable. A copy of the federal revenue agent's report and notification of final federal adjustments provided by the taxpayer will be acceptable in lieu of an amended return. The assessment or refund of tax shall be dependent on the statute of limitations as set forth in 701—subrule 51.2(1) and rule 701—55.3(422).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.21.

701—52.4(422) Payment of tax.

52.4(1) *Quarterly estimated payments.* Effective for taxable years beginning on or after July 1, 1977, corporations are required to make quarterly payments of estimated income tax. Rules pertaining to the estimated tax are contained in 701—Chapter 56.

52.4(2) *Full estimated payment on original due date.* Rescinded IAB 3/15/95, effective 4/19/95.

52.4(3) Rescinded IAB 1/23/91.

52.4(4) *Payment of tax by uncertified checks.* The department will accept uncertified checks in payment of income taxes, provided the checks are collectible for their full amount without any deduction for exchange or other charges unless requirements for electronic transmission of remittances and related information specify otherwise. The date on which the department receives the check will be considered the date of payment, so far as the taxpayer is concerned, unless the check is dishonored. If one check is remitted to cover two or more corporations' taxes, the remittance must be accompanied by a letter of transmittal stating: (a) the name of the drawer of the check; (b) the amount of the check; (c) the amount of any cash, money order or other instrument included in the same remittance; (d) the name of each corporation whose tax is to be paid by the remittance; and (e) the amount of payment on account of each corporation.

52.4(5) *Procedure with respect to dishonored checks.* If any check is returned unpaid, all expenses incidental to the collection thereof will be charged to the taxpayer. If any taxpayer whose check has been returned by the depository bank uncollected should fail at once to make the check good, the director will proceed to collect the tax as though no check had been given. A taxpayer who tenders a certified check in payment for taxes is not relieved from his obligation until the check has been paid.

52.4(6) *New jobs credit.* Transferred to 52.8(422) IAB 11/28/90, effective 1/2/91.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 422.21, 422.24, 422.25, 422.33 and 422.86.

701—52.5(422) Minimum tax.

52.5(1) Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982, but before January 1, 1987, an Iowa minimum tax is imposed in addition to the tax computed under Iowa Code section 422.33. The Iowa minimum tax on tax preference items is a percentage of the federal minimum tax for tax preferences computed under Sections 56 through 58 of the Internal Revenue Code for the tax year. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1986, "federal minimum tax" means the federal minimum tax for tax preferences computed under Sections 56 through 58 except Section 57(a)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code for the tax year.

For a corporation conducting 100 percent of its business within Iowa as defined in rule 701—54.1(422), the Iowa minimum tax is a percentage of the federal minimum tax. For a corporation doing business both within and without Iowa, the state's portion of the federal minimum tax shall be based upon the apportionment provisions of rules 701—54.5(422) to 54.8(422) unless an alternative method more accurately reflects that portion of minimum tax attributable to Iowa.

When a corporation joins with at least one other corporation in the filing of a consolidated federal income tax return, and files a separate Iowa corporation income tax return, the consolidated federal minimum tax shall be allocated to the separate corporations. The allocation of the consolidated federal minimum tax shall be determined as follows: The consolidated federal minimum tax is multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the sum of the taxpayer's federal tax preference items and the denominator of which is the total of the federal tax preference items of each corporation included in the consolidated federal income tax return.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1982, and prior to January 1, 1983, the Iowa minimum tax is 25 percent of the state's apportioned share of the federal minimum tax on tax preference items.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1983, the Iowa minimum tax is 70 percent of the state's apportioned share of the federal minimum tax on tax preference items.

52.5(2) For tax years beginning after 1997, a small business corporation or a new corporation for its first year of existence, which through the operation of Internal Revenue Code Section 55(e) is exempt from the federal alternative minimum tax, is not subject to Iowa alternative minimum tax. A small business corporation may apply any alternative minimum tax credit carryforward to the extent of its regular corporation income tax liability.

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the minimum tax is imposed only to the extent that it exceeds the taxpayer's regular tax liability computed under Iowa Code subsection 422.33(1). The minimum tax rate is 60 percent of the maximum corporate tax rate rounded to the nearest one-tenth of 1 percent or 7.2 percent. Minimum taxable income is computed as follows:

	State taxable income as adjusted by Iowa Code section 422.35
Plus:	Tax preference items, adjustments and losses added back
Less:	Allocable income including allocable preference items and adjustments under Section 56 of the Internal Revenue Code including adjusted current earnings related to allocable income including the allocable preference items
	Subtotal
Times:	Apportionment percentage
	Result
Plus:	Income allocable to Iowa including allocable preference items and adjustments under Section 56 of the Internal Revenue Code including adjusted current earnings related to allocable income including the allocable preference items
Less:	Iowa alternative tax net operating loss deduction \$40,000 exemption amount
Equals:	Iowa alternative minimum taxable income

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, the items of tax preference are the same items of tax preference under Section 57 except for Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code used to compute federal alternative minimum taxable income. The adjustments to state taxable income are those adjustments required by Section 56 except for Subsections (a)(4) and (d) of the Internal Revenue Code used to compute federal alternative minimum taxable income. In making the adjustment under Section 56(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, interest and dividends from federal securities net of amortization of any discount or premium shall be subtracted. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1988, in making the adjustment under Section 56(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, interest and dividends from state and other political subdivisions and from regulated investment companies exempt from federal income tax under the Internal Revenue Code shall be subtracted net of amortization of any discount or premium. In making the adjustment for adjusted current earnings, subtract Foreign Sales Company (FSC) dividend income and Puerto Rican dividend income computed under Internal Revenue Code Section 936 to the extent they are included in the federal computation of adjusted current earnings. Losses to be added are those losses required to be added by Section 58 of the Internal Revenue Code in computing federal alternative minimum taxable income.

- a. Tax preference items are:
 1. Intangible drilling costs;
 2. Incentive stock options;
 3. Reserves for losses on bad debts of financial institutions;
 4. Appreciated property charitable deductions;
 5. Accelerated depreciation or amortization on certain property placed in service before January 1, 1987.
- b. Adjustments are:
 1. Depreciation;
 2. Mining exploration and development;
 3. Long-term contracts;
 4. Iowa alternative minimum net operating loss deduction;
 5. Book income or adjusted earnings and profits.

- c. Losses added back are:
 - 1. Farm losses;
 - 2. Passive activity losses.

Computation of Iowa alternative minimum tax net operating loss deduction.

Net operating losses computed under rule 701—53.2(422) carried forward from tax years which begin before January 1, 1987, are deductible without adjustment.

Net operating losses from tax years which begin after December 31, 1986, which are carried back or carried forward to the current tax year shall be reduced by the amount of tax preferences and adjustments taken into account in computing the net operating loss prior to applying rule 701—52.2(422). The deduction for a net operating loss from a tax year beginning after December 31, 1986, which is carried back or carried forward shall not exceed 90 percent of the alternative minimum taxable income computed without regard for the net operating loss deduction.

The exemption amount shall be reduced by 25 percent of the amount that the alternative minimum taxable income computed without regard to the \$40,000 exemption exceeds \$150,000. The exemption shall not be reduced below zero.

EXAMPLE: The following example shows the computation of the alternative minimum tax when there are net operating loss carryforwards and carrybacks including an alternative minimum tax net operating loss.

For tax year 1987, the following information is available:

Federal taxable income before NOL	\$182,000
Federal NOL carryforward	<97,000>
Federal income tax	19,750
Tax preferences and adjustments	48,000
Iowa income tax expensed on federal	2,570
Iowa NOL carryforward	147,000

For tax year 1988, the following information is available:

Federal taxable income before NOL	\$<154,000>
Federal income tax refund	15,460
Tax preferences and adjustments	78,000
Iowa income tax refund reported on federal	2,570

The alternative minimum tax for 1987 before the 1988 net operating loss carryback should be computed as follows:

Regular Iowa Tax	
Federal taxable income	\$182,000
less 50% federal tax	<9,875 >
add Iowa income tax expensed	2,570
Iowa taxable income before NOL carryforward	<u>\$174,695</u>
less NOL carryforward	<147,000 >
Iowa taxable income	\$ 27,695
Iowa income tax	\$ 1,716

Alternative Minimum Tax

Iowa taxable income before NOL	\$174,695
add preferences and adjustments	48,000
Total	<u>\$222,695</u>
less NOL carryforward*	<147,000 >
Iowa alternative taxable income	<u>\$ 75,695</u>
less exemption amount	<40,000 >
Total	<u>\$ 35,695</u>
Times 7.2%	2,570
Less regular tax	<1,715 >
Alternative minimum tax	<u>\$ 855</u>

*Net operating loss carryforwards from tax years beginning before January 1, 1987, are deductible at 100 percent without reduction for items of tax preference or adjustments arising in the tax year.

The alternative minimum tax for 1987 after the 1988 net operating loss carryback should be computed as follows:

Regular Iowa Tax

Federal taxable income	\$ 182,000
less 50% federal tax	<9,875 >
add Iowa income tax expensed	2,570
Iowa taxable income before NOL carryforward	<u>\$ 174,695</u>
less NOL carryforward	<147,000 >
	<u>\$ 27,695</u>
less NOL carryback from 1988 ¹	<148,840 >
NOL carryforward	<u>\$ <121,145 ></u>

Alternative Minimum Tax

Iowa taxable income before NOL	\$ 174,695
add preferences and adjustments	48,000
Total	<u>\$ 222,695</u>
less NOL carryforward from pre-1987 tax year	<147,000 >
Total	<u>\$ 75,695</u>
less alternative minimum tax NOL ²	<68,126 >
Total	<u>\$ 7,569</u>
less exemption	<40,000 >
Alternative minimum taxable income after NOL	<u>\$ -0-</u>

¹Computation of 1988 Iowa NOL

Federal NOL	\$ <154,000 >
add 50% of federal refund	7,730
less Iowa refund in federal income	<2,570 >
Iowa NOL	<u>\$ <148,840 ></u>

²Computation of 1988 Alternative Minimum Tax NOL

Iowa NOL	\$ <148,840 >
add preferences and adjustments	78,000
Total	<u>\$ <70,840 ></u>
NOL carryback limited to 90% of alternative minimum income before NOL and exemption*	\$ <68,126 >
Alternative minimum tax NOL carryforward	<u>\$ 2,705</u>

*For purposes of the alternative minimum tax, net operating loss carryforward or carryback from tax years beginning after December 31, 1986, must be reduced by items of tax preference and adjustments, and are limited to 90 percent of alternative minimum taxable income before deduction of the post-1986 NOL and the \$40,000 exemption amount ($\$75,695 \times 90\% = \$68,126$).

52.5(3) Renumbered as 701—10.56(422), IAB 1/23/91.

52.5(4) Alternative minimum tax credit for minimum tax paid in a prior tax year. Minimum tax paid in prior tax years commencing with tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1987, by a taxpayer can be claimed as a tax credit against the taxpayer's regular income tax liability in a subsequent tax year. Therefore, 1988 is the first tax year that the minimum tax credit is available for use and the credit is based on the minimum tax paid by the taxpayer for 1987. However, only the portion of the minimum tax which is attributable to those adjustments and tax preferences which are "deferral items" qualifies for the minimum tax credit. "Deferral items" are those tax preferences and adjustments which result in a temporary change in a taxpayer's tax liability. An example of a "deferral item" is the tax preference for accelerated depreciation of real property placed in service before 1987. On the other hand, the portion of the minimum tax which is attributable to the "exclusion item" for appreciated property charitable deduction does not qualify for the minimum tax credit. The appreciated property charitable deduction tax preference is the only state "exclusion item," although there are several "exclusion items" which are used to compute federal minimum tax. The minimum tax credit may only be used against regular income tax for a tax year to the extent that the regular tax is greater than the tentative minimum tax for the tax year. If the minimum tax credit is not used up against the regular tax for a tax year the remaining credit is carried to the following tax year to be applied against the regular income tax liability for that period.

a. Computation of minimum tax credit on Form IA 8801C. The minimum tax credit is computed on Form IA 8801C from information on Form IA 4626 for the prior tax year, Form IA 1120 and Form IA 4626 for the current year and from Form IA 8801C for the prior year (applies in 1989 and in subsequent tax years).

Form IA 8801C is in three parts. In the first part, a calculation is made to determine the portion of the minimum tax paid in the prior year, if any, which is attributable to the exclusion item for appreciated property charitable deduction. In the second portion of Form IA 8801C, the minimum tax attributable to the appreciated property charitable deduction from Part I, is subtracted from the total minimum tax paid for the prior year. The remaining amount of minimum tax is attributable to the deferral tax preference items and adjustment items. This remaining amount, if any, is added to the minimum tax carryover credit from the IA 8801C for the prior tax year, if any. This total is compared to the regular income tax liability less the credits set forth in Iowa Code section 422.33, less the tentative minimum tax for the current year and the lesser amount is the allowable minimum tax credit for the current year.

The final part of Form IA 8801C is used to compute the minimum tax credit, if any, which will be carried over to the next tax year. The carryover credit is computed by subtracting the allowable credit for the current tax year from the total of the minimum tax credit attributable to the deferral items and the carryover credit from the prior tax years.

b. **EXAMPLE.** Taxpayer had a 1989 taxable income of \$300,000 and an accelerated depreciation tax preference of \$80,000. In 1988 the taxpayer had taxable income of \$345,000 and tax preferences of \$145,000 which consisted of \$110,000 of accelerated depreciation and \$35,000 of appreciated property charitable deduction. The minimum tax credit for 1989 was computed on Form IA 8801C using data from IA 4626 for 1988 and from IA 4626 for 1989 and IA 1120 for 1989.

Form IA 8801C

Part I. Computation of Minimum Tax on Exclusion Items

Line 11 - Gross tax on exclusion items	-0-
Line 12 - Less regular tax minus credits	\$33,900
Line 13 - Net minimum tax on exclusion items	-0-

Part II. Computation of Allowable Credit for 1989

Line 14 - Enter amount from line 17 IA 4626 for 1988	\$ 1,380
Line 15 - Enter amount from line 13 part I	-0-
Line 16 - Subtract line 15 from line 14	\$ 1,380
Line 17 - Enter credit carryforward from 1987	-0-
Line 18 - Add lines 16 and 17	\$ 1,380
Line 19 - Enter 1989 regular tax liability	\$28,500
Line 20 - Enter 1989 tentative minimum tax	\$27,360
Line 21 - Subtract line 20 from line 19	\$ 1,140
Line 22 - Allowable minimum tax credit for 1989. Enter smaller of line 18 or 21.	\$ 1,140

Part III. Computation of Minimum Tax Credit Carryovers

Line 23 - Enter amount from line 18 part II	\$ 1,380
Line 24 - Enter amount from line 22 part II	\$ 1,140
Line 25 - Carryforward of minimum tax credit to 1990. Subtract line 24 from line 23.	\$ 240

c. Computation of the minimum tax credit attributable to a member leaving an affiliated group filing a consolidated Iowa corporation income tax return. The amount of minimum tax credit available for carryforward attributable to a member of a consolidated Iowa income tax return shall be computed as follows: The consolidated minimum tax credit available for carryforward from each tax year is multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the separate member's tax preferences and adjustments for the tax year and the denominator of which is the total tax preferences and adjustments of all members of the consolidated Iowa income tax return for the tax year.

d. Computation of the amount of minimum tax credit which may be used by a new member of a consolidated Iowa corporation income tax return. The amount of minimum tax credit carryforward which may be used by a new member of a consolidated Iowa income tax return is limited to the separate member's contribution to the amount by which the regular income tax less credits set forth in Iowa Code section 422.33 exceeds the tentative minimum tax.

The separate member's contribution to the amount by which the regular income tax less nonrefundable credits exceeds the tentative minimum tax shall be computed as follows:

$$\frac{\left[\frac{A}{B} \times C + D \right] \times F}{E} = \text{Separate member's contribution to the amount by which regular income tax less credits set forth in section 422.33 exceeds the tentative minimum tax.}$$

A = Separate corporation gross sales within Iowa after elimination of all intercompany transactions.

B = Consolidated gross sales within and without Iowa after elimination of all intercompany transactions.

C = Iowa consolidated income subject to apportionment.

D = Separate corporation income allocable to Iowa.

E = Iowa consolidated income subject to tax.

F = The amount by which the regular income tax less credits set forth in Iowa Code section 422.33 exceeds the tentative minimum tax.

e. Minimum tax credit after merger. When two or more corporations merge or consolidate into one corporation, the minimum tax credit of the merged or consolidated corporations is not available for use by the survivor of the merger or consolidation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

701—52.6(422) Motor fuel credit.

52.6(1) *For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1975, but before July 1, 1986.* A corporation may elect to receive an income tax credit in lieu of the motor fuel tax refund provided by Iowa Code chapter 452A. A corporation which holds a motor fuel refund permit under Iowa Code section 452A.18 must cancel its permit before it becomes eligible to take a motor fuel credit on the corporate income tax return. The permit must be canceled within 30 days after the first day of the corporation's tax year. Once an election is made, it will continue for subsequent tax years unless a new motor fuel tax refund permit is obtained.

The amount of income tax credit shall be the amount of Iowa motor fuel tax paid on qualifying fuel purchases as determined by Iowa Code chapter 452A and section 422.110 less any state sales tax deductible under Iowa Code subsection 422.52(4). The credit shall be deducted on the tax return filed for the year in which the motor fuel tax was paid. If the motor fuel credit results in an overpayment of income tax, the overpayment may be refunded or credited to income tax due in subsequent years.

The motor fuel credit option is available on corporate income tax returns filed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1975.

Effective for tax returns which are timely filed after January 1, 1980, members of partnerships or S corporations may claim a credit for their respective share of the motor vehicle fuel tax paid by the partnership or S corporation. The credit is to be shared in the same ratio as the person's pro-rata share of the earnings from the partnership or S corporation. In order to be eligible for the tax credit, the partnership or S corporation must not hold a valid motor vehicle fuel refund permit during the tax year or the permit must have been canceled within 30 days after the beginning of the tax year. A schedule must be attached to the individual's return showing the distribution of gallons and the amount of credit claimed by each partner or shareholder.

The corporation or partnership must attach to its return a schedule showing the allocation to each shareholder or partner of gallons purchased.

52.6(2) *For tax years beginning on or after July 1, 1986.* A corporation may elect to receive an income tax credit in lieu of the motor fuel tax refund provided by Iowa Code chapter 452A. A corporation which holds a motor fuel refund permit when it makes this election must cancel the permit within 30 days after the first day of the tax year. However, if the refund permit is not canceled within this period, the permit becomes invalid at the time the election to receive an income tax credit is made. The election will continue for subsequent tax years unless a new motor fuel tax refund permit is obtained.

The amount of the income tax credit must be the amount of Iowa motor fuel tax paid on qualifying fuel purchases as determined by Iowa Code chapter 452A and Iowa Code section 422.110 less any state sales tax deductible under Iowa Code subsection 422.52(4). The credit must be claimed on the tax return covering the tax year in which the motor fuel tax was paid. If the motor fuel credit results in an overpayment of income tax, the overpayment may be refunded or may be credited to income tax due in the subsequent tax year.

Shareholders of S corporations may claim an income tax credit on their individual income tax returns for their respective shares of the motor vehicle fuel taxes paid by the corporations. The credit for a shareholder is that person's pro-rata share of the fuel tax paid by the corporation. A schedule must be attached to the individual's return showing the distribution of gallons and the amount of credit claimed by each shareholder or partner.

The corporation must attach to its return a schedule showing the allocation to each shareholder of the motor fuel purchased by the corporation.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

701—52.7(422) Research activities credit. Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1985, taxpayers are allowed a tax credit equal to 6.5 percent of the state's apportioned share of qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities. For purposes of this credit, "qualifying expenditures" means the qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities as defined for purposes of the federal credit for increasing research activities computed under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991, "qualifying expenditures" means the qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities as defined for purposes of the federal credit for increasing research activities computed under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code as in effect on January 1, 1998. The Iowa research activities credit is made permanent for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 1991, even though there may no longer be a research activities credit for federal income tax purposes. The "state's apportioned share of qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities" must be the ratio of the qualified expenditures in Iowa to total qualified expenditures times total qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities.

52.7(1) *Qualified expenditures in Iowa are:*

- a. Wages for qualified research services performed in Iowa.
- b. Cost of supplies used in conducting qualified research in Iowa.
- c. Rental or lease cost of personal property used in Iowa in conducting qualified research. Where personal property is used both within and without Iowa in conducting qualified research, the rental or lease cost must be prorated between Iowa and non-Iowa use by the ratio of days used in Iowa to total days used both within and without Iowa.
- d. Sixty-five percent of contract expenses paid by a corporation to a qualified organization for basic research performed in Iowa.

52.7(2) *Total qualified expenditures are:*

- a. Wages paid for qualified research services performed everywhere.
- b. Cost of supplies used in conducting qualified research everywhere.
- c. Rental or lease cost of personal property used in conducting qualified research everywhere.
- d. Sixty-five percent of contract expenses paid by a corporation to a qualified organization for basic research performed everywhere.

Qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities is the smallest of the amount by which the qualified research expenses for the taxable year exceed the base period research expenses or 50 percent of the qualified research expenses for the taxable year.

A shareholder in an S corporation may claim the pro-rata share of the Iowa credit for increasing research expenditures on the shareholder's individual income tax return. The S corporation must provide each shareholder with a schedule showing the computation of the corporation's Iowa credit for increasing research expenditures and the shareholder's pro-rata share. The shareholder's pro-rata share of the Iowa credit for increasing research activities must be in the same ratio as the shareholder's pro-rata share in the earnings of the S corporation.

Any research credit in excess of the corporation's tax liability less the credits authorized in Iowa Code sections 422.33, 422.91 and 422.111 may be refunded to the taxpayer or credited to the estimated tax of the taxpayer for the following year.

52.7(3) *Research activities credit for tax years beginning in 2000.* Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, the taxes imposed for corporate income tax purposes will be reduced by a tax credit for increasing research activities.

- a. The credit equals the sum of the following:

- (1) Six and one-half percent of the excess of qualified research expenses during the tax year over the base amount for the tax year based upon the state's apportioned share of the qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities.

- (2) Six and one-half percent of the basic research payments determined under Section 41(e)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code during the tax year based upon the state's apportioned share of the qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities.

The state's apportioned share of the qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities is a percent equal to the ratio of qualified research expenditures in this state to total qualified research expenditures.

- b. In lieu of the credit computed under paragraph "a" of this subrule, a taxpayer may elect to compute the credit amount for qualified research expenses incurred in this state in a manner consistent with the alternative incremental credit described in Section 41(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The taxpayer may make this election regardless of the method used by the taxpayer on the taxpayer's federal income tax return. The election made under this paragraph is for the tax year and the taxpayer may use another method or this same method for any subsequent tax year.

For purposes of this alternative research credit computation, the credit percentages applicable to qualified research expenses described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of Section 41(c)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code are 1.65 percent, 2.20 percent, and 2.75 percent, respectively.

c. For purposes of this subrule, the terms “base amount,” “basic research payment,” and “qualified research expense” mean the same as defined for the federal credit for increasing research activities under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code, except that, for purposes of the alternative incremental credit described in paragraph “b” of this subrule, such amounts are limited to research activities conducted within this state. For purposes of this rule, “Internal Revenue Code” means the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2000.

d. A shareholder in an S corporation may claim the pro-rata share of the Iowa credit for increasing research activities on the shareholder’s individual return. The S corporation must provide each shareholder with a schedule showing the computation of the corporation’s Iowa credit for increasing research activities and the shareholder’s pro-rata share. The shareholder’s pro-rata share of the Iowa credit for increasing research activities must be in the same ratio as the shareholder’s pro-rata share in the earnings of the S corporation.

Any research credit in excess of the corporation’s tax liability less the credits authorized in Iowa Code sections 422.33, 422.91 and 422.111 may be refunded to the taxpayer or credited to the estimated tax of the corporation for the following year.

52.7(4) *Research activities credit for an eligible business.* Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, an eligible business may claim a tax credit for increasing research activities in this state during the period the eligible business is participating in the new jobs and income program with the Iowa department of economic development. An eligible business must meet all the conditions listed under Iowa Code section 15.329, which include requirements to make an investment of \$10 million as indexed for inflation and the creation of a minimum of 50 full-time positions. The research credit authorized in this subrule is in addition to the research activities credit described in 701—subrule 42.2(11) or the research credit described in subrule 52.7(3).

a. The additional research activities credit for an eligible business is computed under the criteria for computing the research activities credit under 701—subrule 42.2(11) or under subrule 52.7(3), depending on which of those subrules the initial research credit was computed. The same qualified research expenses and basic research expenses apply in computation of the research credit for an eligible business as were applicable in computing the credit in 701—subrule 42.2(11) or 52.7(3). In addition, if the alternative incremental credit method was used to compute the initial research credit under 701—subrule 42.2(11) or 52.7(3), that method would be used to compute the research credit for an eligible business. Therefore, if a taxpayer that met the qualifications of an eligible business had a research activities credit of \$200,000 as computed under subrule 52.7(3), the research activities credit for the eligible business would result in an additional credit for the taxpayer of \$200,000.

b. If the eligible business is a partnership, S corporation, limited liability company, estate or trust where the income from the eligible business is taxed to the individual owners of the business, these individual owners may claim the additional research activities credit allowed to the eligible business. The research credit is allocated to each of the individual owners of the eligible business on the basis of the pro-rata share of that individual’s earnings from the eligible business.

52.7(5) *Corporate tax research credit for increasing research activities within a quality jobs enterprise zone.* Effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, the taxes imposed for corporate income tax purposes will be reduced by a tax credit for increasing research activities within an area designated as a quality jobs enterprise zone. This credit for increasing research activities is in lieu of the research activities credit described in 701—subrule 42.2(11) or the research activities credit described in subrule 52.7(3).

a. The credit equals the sum of the following:

(1) Thirteen percent of the excess of qualified research expenses during the tax year over the base amount for the tax year based upon the state’s apportioned share of the qualifying expenditures for research activities.

(2) Thirteen percent of the basic research payments determined under Section 41(e)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code during the tax year based upon the state's apportioned share of the qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities. The state's apportioned share of the qualifying expenditures for increasing research activities is a percent equal to the ratio of qualified research expenditures in the quality jobs enterprise zone to total qualified research expenditures.

b. In lieu of the credit computed under paragraph “a” of this subrule, a taxpayer may elect to compute the credit amount for qualified research expenses incurred in the quality jobs enterprise zone in a manner consistent with the alternative incremental credit described in Section 41(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. The taxpayer may make this election regardless of the method used by the taxpayer on the taxpayer's federal income tax return. The election made under this paragraph is for the tax year and the taxpayer may use another method or this same method for any subsequent tax year. For purposes of this alternative research credit computation, the credit percentages applicable to qualified research expenses described in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii) of Section 41(c)(4)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code are 3.30 percent, 4.40 percent, and 5.50 percent, respectively.

c. For purposes of this subrule, the terms “base amount,” “basic research payment,” and “qualified research expense” mean the same as defined for the federal credit for increasing research activities under Section 41 of the Internal Revenue Code, except that, for purposes of the alternative incremental credit described in subrule 52.7(3) of this rule, such amounts are limited to research activities conducted within the quality jobs enterprise zone. For purposes of this rule, “Internal Revenue Code” means the Internal Revenue Code in effect on January 1, 2000.

d. Any research credit in excess of the corporation's tax liability for the taxable year may be refunded to the taxpayer or credited to the corporation's tax liability for the following year.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.33.

701—52.8(422) New jobs credit. A tax credit is available to a corporation which has entered into an agreement under Iowa Code chapter 260E and has increased employment by at least 10 percent.

52.8(1) Definitions.

a. The term “*new jobs*” means those jobs directly resulting from a project covered by an agreement authorized by Iowa Code chapter 260E (Iowa Industrial New Jobs Training Act) but does not include jobs of recalled workers or replacement jobs or other jobs that formerly existed in the industry in the state.

b. The term “*jobs directly related to new jobs*” means those jobs which directly support the new jobs but does not include in-state employees transferred to a position which would be considered to be a job directly related to new jobs unless the transferred employee's vacant position is filled by a new employee.

EXAMPLE A. A taxpayer who has entered into a chapter 260E agreement to train new employees for a new product line transfers an in-state employee to be supervisor of the new product line but does not fill the transferred employee's position. The new supervisor's position would not be considered a job directly related to new jobs even though it directly supports the new jobs because the transferred employee's old position was not refilled.

EXAMPLE B. A taxpayer who has entered into a chapter 260E agreement to train new employees for a new product line transfers an in-state employee to be supervisor of the new product line and fills the transferred employee's position with a new employee. The new supervisor's position would be considered a job directly related to new jobs because it directly supports the new jobs and the transferred employee's old position was filled by a new employee.

The burden of proof that a job is directly related to new jobs is on the taxpayer.

c. The term “*taxable wages*” means those wages upon which an employer is required to contribute to the state unemployment fund as defined in Iowa Code subsection 96.19(37) for the year in which the taxpayer elects to take the new jobs tax credit. For fiscal-year taxpayers, “taxable wages” shall not be greater than the maximum wage upon which an employer is required to contribute to the state unemployment fund for the calendar year in which the taxpayer’s fiscal year begins.

d. The term “*agreement*” means an agreement entered into under Iowa Code chapter 260E after July 1, 1985, an amendment to that agreement, or an amendment to an agreement entered into before July 1, 1985, if the amendment sets forth the base employment level as of the date of the amendment. The term “agreement” also includes a preliminary agreement entered into under Iowa Code chapter 260E provided the preliminary agreement contains all the elements of a contract and includes the necessary elements and commitment relating to training programs and new jobs.

e. The term “*base employment level*” means the number of full-time jobs an industry employs at a plant site which is covered by an agreement under chapter 260E on the date of the agreement.

f. The term “*project*” means a training arrangement which is the subject of an agreement entered into under Iowa Code chapter 260E.

g. The term “*industry*” means a business engaged in interstate or intrastate commerce for the purpose of manufacturing, processing, or assembling products, conducting research and development, or providing services in interstate commerce, but excludes retail, health or professional services. Industry does not include a business which closes or substantially reduces its operations in one area of the state and relocates substantially the same operation in another area of the state. Industry is a business engaged in the above listed activities rather than the generic definition encompassing all businesses in the state engaged in the same activities. For example, in the meat-packing business, an industry is considered to be a single corporate entity or operating division, rather than the entire meat-packing business in the state.

h. The term “*new employees*” means the same as new jobs or jobs directly related to new jobs.

i. The term “*full-time job*” means any of the following:

- (1) An employment position requiring an average work week of 35 or more hours;
- (2) An employment position for which compensation is paid on a salaried full-time basis without regard to hours worked; or
- (3) An aggregation of any number of part-time or job-sharing employment positions which equal one full-time employment position. For purposes of this subrule each part-time or job-sharing employment position shall be categorized with regard to the average number of hours worked each week as one-quarter, half, three-quarters, or full-time position, as set forth in the following table:

<u>Average Number of Weekly Hours</u>	<u>Category</u>
More than 0 but less than 15	1/4
15 or more but less than 25	1/2
25 or more but less than 35	3/4
35 or more	1 (full-time)